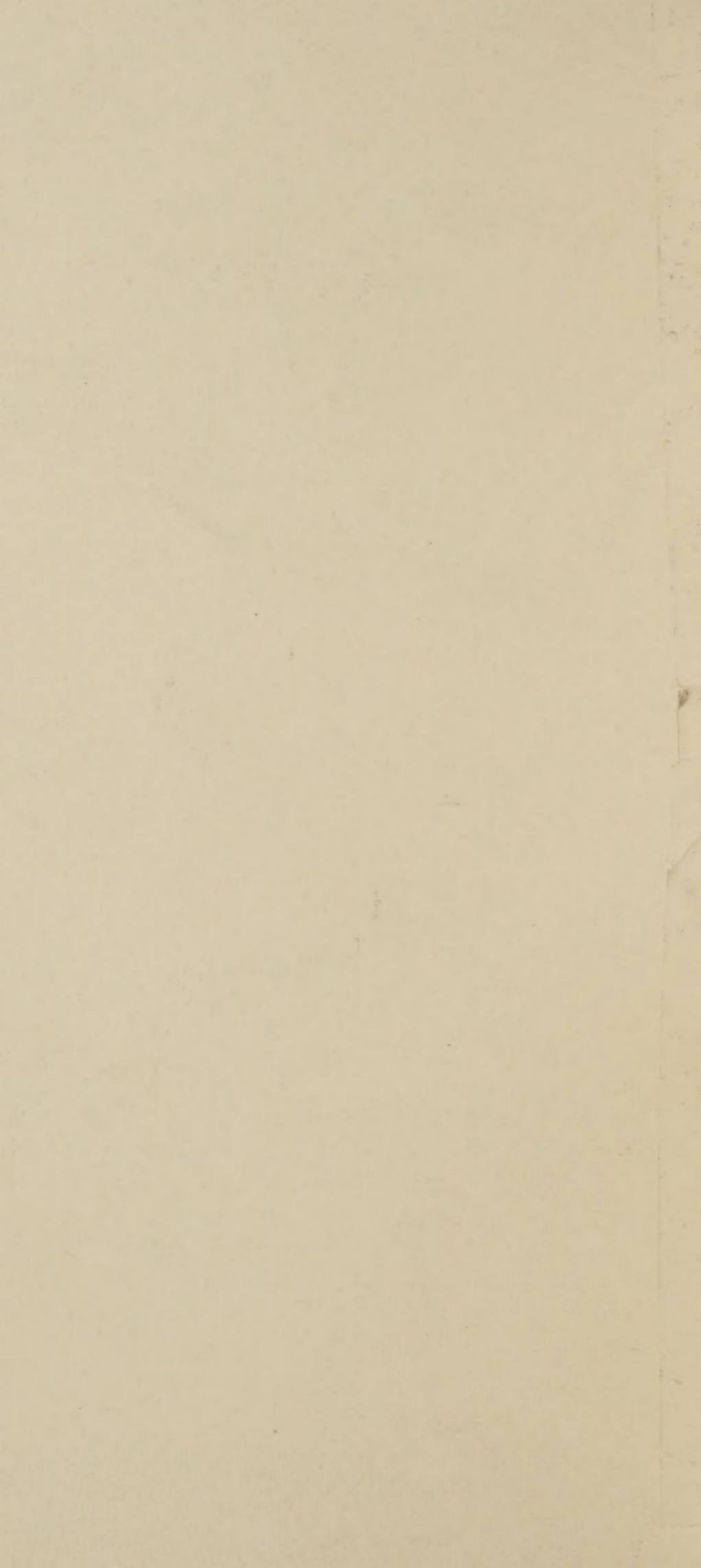


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LARSON'S Exhibition Dahlias

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SEASON'S GREETINGS FOR 1942

In presenting this new Catalog for dahlias, I wish to thank all my numerous patrons for their past support, and in soliciting continuation of their esteemed patronage to assure them and all new clients that their wishes will always receive my closest personal attention.

This list has been brought right up to date, with the best varieties from all dahlia producing countries, and all novelties have been tried and proven in my garden, and while your local conditions may cause some variation those cataloged can be confidently relied upon, their descriptions being as faithful as possible, and quite unexaggerated.

Do not be discouraged if a variety does not do well with you the first year; try it again as some need to be acclimated.

Look for our new novelties for 1942, imported from Australia, England. You will see them at all the shows this coming year.

Our green plants are grown so as to give the maximum of results of equal or superior to root stock. This is only accomplished by the selection of healthy, vigorous roots benched in a moderate heat that will enable us to take stocky base cuttings.

Only a reasonable number of cuttings are taken and none used that are spindly. After cuttings are rooted and potted and begin to grow, they are moved to cooler quarters and shifted to larger pots. At this stage small tubers are beginning to form, assuring that clumps will be obtained at digging time. The plants are later hardened off in outside quarters so as to withstand shipping and be in good condition for planting out.

We try to keep our list of varieties limited by retaining a very high percentage of those that are

placed on the "Honor Roll" consecutive seasons in this country and abroad. The varieties mentioned herein are of exceptional merit and may be grown to your complete satisfaction, if you will dig deep, cultivate regularly, and keep insects under control, particularly the leaf hoffer.

Our plants are all base cutting.

We take great pride in sending healthy, clean, strong plants.

We guarantee all dahlia roots and plants to be in first-class condition when they leave our place, as they are state inspected.

We ship all green plants about May 1st to May 15th. To avoid disappointment order early. Our stock is limited on some varieties. We do not substitute unless requested.

Terms: Cash, or 25% deposit with order; balance at shipping time. On orders over \$5.00 we pay charges.

Visitors are always welcome to our gardens.

We carry a complete line of annuals in our greenhouse, including the latest novelties. We sell by the dozen or by flats. Don't forget to order some annuals this spring. Gladiolus at \$3.00 per 100. The State Department gave us 100% clean this year against thrip.

ABBREVIATIONS

FD—Formal Decorative

ID—Informal Decorative

SC—Semi-Cactus

C—Cactus

For 1942

SEASON'S OUTSTANDING DAHLIAS

AILSA FAMTOM (ID)

From Australia. A real fine large pink, tall grower; one of the best.....Plants \$3.50

ALBUS (ID)

A real good white from England, long stems
very large blooms.....Plants \$1.50

BELTANA

A large dahlia, 11 inches. Blooms on long
stiff stems. Color, lilac with deeper toning.
Plants \$2.50

CONSUL H. PUVOGEL

Another fine white from Australia. Im-
provement on its parent (Darcy Sainsbury)
so it must be good.....Plants \$2.50

CROYDON DELIGHT (ID)

Another grand champion from Australia.
Blooms 11x6. Color, lemon shaded pink at
tips and reverse.....Plants \$5.00

CROYDON SUPERB (ID)

One of the best yellows in Australia for
1941. 11 to 12 inch blooms on long strong
stems; will be hard to beat.....Plants \$5.00

CROYDON SUNSET (ID)

One of the outstanding dahlias in Australia
for 1941. Color, sunset gold, very large
bloomsPlants \$5.00

CROYDON TRIUMPH (ID)

One of the best for 1941, champion in Aus-
tralia. Color, pale cream with a faint mauve,
reverse on petals.....Plants \$5.00

DULCIE DAY (ID)

Formal dahlia of the best type. Color is pale
cream; very fine dahlia.....Plants \$3.50

DR. DERRICK MARTIN (ID)

Another fine yellow dahlia from England,
good grower, wonderful stems. You will
hear a lot about this dahlia in 1942..Plants \$2.00

JOHN WOOLMAN (NEW CACTUS)

This was outstanding in my garden last sum-
mer. A new one from England. Color,
crimsonPlants \$2.50
Roots 5.00

LEONORA

An excellent variety with many first and champion awards. Color, clear primrose yellow, from Australia.....Plants \$2.50

MARJORY ROBERTS (ID)

A very fine white from Australia. Don't miss this one.....Plants \$2.50 Net

MILBEES SANTANIC

A very large yellow. Australia. Blooms 10 to 11 inches, carried on long stems; one of the best.....Plants \$2.50

MARGERET WOODCOCK (ID), AUSTRALIA

Very large blooms. Color, deep mauve shades, very attractive.....Plants \$2.50

KINGCUP CACTUS

A very fine semi-cactus, flowers very large, clear yellow throughout, full centers. You are going to hear a lot about this fine dahlia this coming season.....Plants \$2.50
Roots 5.00

LADY MURIEL (ID)

Fine new introduction. Color is most unusual and pleasing. Vieux rose with copper sheen. blooms 11x5 on long stems.....Plants \$5.00

SYDNEY (ID)

A new dahlia from Australia. Beautiful rose pink with a tinge of gold at the base of petals, very large blooms.....Plants \$2.50
Roots 5.00

VILLERS BRETONNEUX

Rich blood red, lightly suffused yellow at tips and base of petals, one of the best. Plants \$3.50

NEW CACTUS DAHLIAS FOR 1942

ALICE JEAN

Color, cyclamen pink, attractive blooms, suitable for any purpose.....Plants \$2.50

BLEAU FLEUR

Color, lemon at base, shading to flame, salmon rose toward tips, outstanding..Plants \$2.50

JANET MILLS

Another fine cactus from Australia. Color, salmon shaded apricot.....Plants \$2.50

NEW MINIATURES FROM AUSTRALIA FOR 1942

BROCKLEY

Fancy type. One of the finest cut flower charms we have. Very long stiff stems. The color is orange red, yellow at base of petals.
Plants \$1.50

LYLE ANDRE (C)

A very fine miniature. Color, deep yellow heavily tipped salmon bronze.....Plants \$1.50

MABS VIAL (C)

A lovely coloured bloom, which is white, heavily tipped deep pink.....Plants \$1.50

PAULINE WAGNER (DEC)

A lovely coloured little flower, which is a deep glowing rosy red, base of petals gold.
Plants \$1.50

ROSE HILTON

A perfect formed little cactus with long stems. Color, deep rosy magenta....Plants \$1.50

RUTH DEANE

This was grand champion at Maitland 1941.
A very fine cactus. Color, lemon, shading salmon rose with a tinge of bronze..Plants \$1.50

VIRGINIA

A real good cactus and good grower. Best of stems. Color, scarlet.....Plants \$1.50

WHITE PEARL

A real good white cactus on long stiff stems.
Plants \$1.50

NEW POMPOM DAHLIAS

RHONDA

From Australia. Color, lilac on creamy white ground.....Plants \$1.00 Net

REGENT

From Australia. Color, royal purple; one of the best.....Plants \$1.00 Net

TED THOMAS

From Australia. Exhibition variety, lovely shade of pink.....Plants \$1.00 Net

STANDARD VARIETIES

ALICE MAY (ID)

One of the best white to date.....Plants \$.75

ALL AMERICAN (ID)

A large mulberry rose—suffused salmon; one of the large ones.....Plants \$2.50

A. J. PARKER (ID) AUSTRALIA

Color, salmon buff with rose magenta reverse, large blooms.....Plants \$1.50

ARTHUR FRANCIS (FD)

Color, vivid scarlet. Very fine.....Plants \$.75

AGNES FOSTER (ID)

Clear pink, shaded orchid with deeper centerPlants \$.50

A. G. GOODACRE

Yellow tipped white. Very fine.....Plants \$1.00

BEAU NUANCE (FD)

This was finest dahlia in my garden last season. Color, deep rich apricot overlaid with salmonPlants \$2.50
Roots 5.00

BETTY DAVIS (SC)

Lovely lavender rose color. Fine stock.Plants \$.50

BILLY LARCH (ID)

Large dark red blooms, on long stiff stems.Plants \$1.00
Roots 2.00

BILLS GOLD (ID)

Large gold blooms. This was best dahlia I saw last season; was commented on by everyone who saw it last season; so don't miss this one.Plants \$1.50 Net
Roots 4.00 Net

BEAUTE (C)

Very fine yellow. It's a dandy.....Plants \$.50
Roots 1.00

BRILLIANT LADY (ID)

Color, purple, large blooms, good stems.
Plants \$.50

BURCH FORAKER (ID)

Large scarlet blooms, on long stems.
Plants \$.50

CALIFORNIA IDOL (ID)

Large yellow blooms on long stiff stems.
Plants \$.50

CROYDON BUTTERCUP (ID)

If you want a good yellow that has good
stems and produces good roots, don't miss
this one; one of the best.....Plants \$1.50
Roots 3.00

CROYDON ELECT (ID)

Very fine dahlia from Australia. Color, light
cream tinted lavender.....Plants \$1.50

CROYDON CREAM (FD)

Light cream dahlia with good stems.
Plants \$.75
Roots 1.50

CROYDON SPLENDOR (ID)

One of finest yellow to date. 11-inch blooms
on long stems.....Plants \$1.50 Net

CROYDON VIOLET

Large purple, long stems, plant full of
blooms all summer. This was the best dahlia
in my garden last season.....Plants \$2.50
Roots 5.00

CROYDON GOLD (ID)

Large gold blooms, on long stems, 11 to 12
inches. Don't miss this one.....Plants \$2.50
Roots 5.00

CROYDON ACME (FD)

Large lavender blooms, on long stems, very
goodPlants \$1.00
Roots 2.00

CROYDON MAJESTIC (ID)

Large red, one of the best. You will like this
onePlants \$1.50

CROYDON GLORY (ID)

This is one fine yellow that you will like.

Plants \$.50

CHAS. MASTICK (FD)

Large orange formal, very fine, good grower

Plants \$.50

CHARLOTTE E. COLLIS (ID)

A very fine dahlia. Color, orange flame, good grower.....

Plants \$ 1.50

CHASAMY (FD)

This is the lavender formal to date. It is hard to beat.....

Plants \$.50

CHEROKEE BRAVE (ID)

Large red. 10 to 11 inches. Good grower.

Plants \$.50

CLASS (FD)

Large yellow formal 1941 honor roll.

Plants \$ 1.50 Net

COPPER PRINCE (ID)

Large rust color blooms, on long stiff stems.

Plants \$ 1.00

CORNELL (ID)

A very fine bi-color.....

Plants \$.50

CRINKLES (ID)

Very fine yellow, from Australia. Have new stock from grower in Australia.....

Plants \$ 1.00

CROWNING GLORY (C)

This was outstanding dahlia for 1941, so don't miss this one.....

Plants \$ 3.50

CROYDON MARY CONGDON (ID)

This is a very fine red, grown from side bud to get long stems.....

Plants \$ 1.50

*DARCY SAINSBURY (FD)

This is the best white to date.....

Plants \$.50
Roots 1.00

DEEP PURPLE (FD)

A very large purple. Have fine stock of this dahlia

Plants \$ 1.00

DISCOVERY (ID)

Large purple, very fine dahlia.....

Plants \$.50

DON SOWTON (ID)

Large mellow purple. This is a very fine dahlia Plants \$.75

DUKE OF WINDSOR (ID)

Color, dark red, on long stems.....Plants \$1.00

*DULCINEA (C)

Brilliant red. Bush full of blooms....Plants \$.50

*DARKNESS (C)

Very large red cactus, on long stems.

Plants \$1.00

EARL BALDWIN (SC)

Flowers very large. Color, flame, covered by lilac, rose purplish, all blending together.

Plants \$.50

Roots 1.00

EVELYN CHANDLER (SC)

A very large autumn shade cactus....Plants \$1.00

EVENTIDE (ID)

Large purple dahlia, very good grower.

Plants \$.75

E. J. BROOKS (SC)

A rich velvety crimson color on long stems.

Plants \$1.00

*FARRAR ROJEK (ID)

This is one of the best bi-color to date, very large blooms on long stems.....Plants \$1.00

Roots 2.00

FLASH (C)

A very fine bi-color.....Plants \$1.00

FREDA GEORGE (ID)

Color, soft cream pink. Large blooms on long stems.....Plants \$.50

F. RILEY (ID)

Large flowers of brilliant rosy purple color.

Very fine. Don't overlook this one..Plants \$.75

Roots 1.50

*GILLMAN'S BEAUTY (FD)

Pink of perfect form, carried on long stiff stems

Plants \$1.00

Roots 2.00

GINGER ROGERS (ID)

Large yellow wonderful stems. One of the best yellows to date.....Plants \$2.50

*Pot Tubers same price as plants.

GLAMOUR (ID)

An immense true purple, very large blooms.
Plants \$.75

GLORIA BACHER (FD)

Large purple blooms, on cane-like stems,
wonderful grower.....Plants \$1.00
Roots 2.00

*HILLSIDE SUNSET (ID)

Golden yellow, edged red at end of each
petalPlants \$.50

HERBERT PLUMMER (ID)

Very fine purple, large blooms on long
stems.Plants \$. 75

JESSIE KING (C)

Color red. Bushes covered with blooms all
summer, long stems.....\$1.00

JONATHAN GILBERT

One of the semi-cactus dahlias you will like.
Color, lovely tints of salmon and pink over-
lying yellow with yellow center.....Plants \$1.00
Roots 2.00

*KARDINAL VON ROSSUN (C)

Beautiful violet purple, good stems..Plants \$.50

KENTUCKY DAWN (SC)

Large autumn shade cactus, on fine long
stemsPlants \$. 75

KENTUCKY SPORTSMAN (ID)

Very fine bi-color, orange, tipped white.
Plants \$.50
Roots 1.00

KING COLE (ID)

This is one of the finest reds to date, 10 to
12 inches, long strong stems. I have very
fine stock.....Plants \$1.50

LINK WHITE (ID)

1941 honor dahlia. Large white, good
growerPlants \$2.00

LOIS WALCHER (ID)

Another fine bi-color, purple tipped white.
Plants \$.50

LORD OF AUTUMN (ID)

One of the best yellows today. I have fine
stock of this variety.....Plants \$. 50

LYNN FONTAINE (SC)

1941 honor dahlia. If you want a large dahlia grow this one; 12 inches, tall grower.

Plants \$2.50

MAESTRO (ID)

Large dark red, fine grower. Don't miss this one. Very fine. I have fine stock of this variety Plants \$1.50

*MAFFIE (SC)

One of the largest red today. Blooms 12x6, tall grower. If you want fine dahlia, grow this one Plants \$1.50
Roots 3.00

MAHIA (ID)

Color, clear red. Another fine dahlia from Australia Plants \$1.50

MARY ELLEN (FD)

Color, orchid. An old-timer, but a favorite in my garden Plants \$.75
Roots 1.50

*MARY TAYLOR (C)

Congo pink cactus, very nice Plants \$.75
Roots 1.50

*MAVIS TIERNEY (ID)

Dark red. Blooms 10 to 11 inches. Plants \$.75
Roots 1.50

*MAYOR FRANK OTIS (ID)

One of the large ones. Autumn shade..
Plants \$.50
Roots 1.00

MICHIGAN RADIANCE (SC)

Autumn shade. 1941 Honor Roll....Plants \$.75
Roots 1.50

MICHIGAN WHITE (SC)

Very fine white, and a fine cut flower.
Plants \$.50

MISS OAKLAND (FD)

Best formal in the white class, and a fine cut flower Plants \$.50

MODERN TIMES

Another fine bi-color. Orange scarlet, tipped white.....Plants \$.50

MOTHERS' DAY (ID)

Another good white from Australia, 12 inch blooms, on good stems.....Plants \$1.00

MRS. A. G. FURNESS (C)

Lovely pink on long stems.....Plants \$.50
Roots 1.00

MRS. C. J. SOWTON

Color pinkish cinnamon, champion in AustraliaPlants \$.75

MURPHY MASTERPIECE (ID)

Blood red. One of the largest dahlias in cultivation. Have fine stock of this dahlia.

Plants \$.50
Roots 1.00

NAGELS GIANT (ID)

This was nicest dahlia in my garden last season, autumn shade.....Plants \$.75

NANCY ANN MITCHELL (C)

Color vivid scarlet, fine stems.....\$.75

NIGHT FALL (C)

One of the cactus which made a great hit last season. Color, deep crimson, almost maroon.

Plants \$ 1.00
Roots 2.00

*PINK GIANT (ID)

One of the finest pinks, long stems. Don't miss this one.....Plants \$.50
Roots 1.00

PREMIER MAJESTIC (ID)

Color, salmon mulberry gold.....Plants \$.50

*PREMIER WINSOME (ID)

Very large pink blooms.....Plants \$.50

PRESIDENT DR. ED. BENES (ID)

Large blooms, color, brilliant red. Don't miss this one. Still one of the best in my gardenPlants \$.75

PRESIDENT ED. DEBAUX (ID)

Large red, good grower.....Plants \$.75

*POLICHNILLE (C)

Color, soft mauve rose.....Plants \$.50
Roots .75

PROGRESS (ID)

Color, rosy mauve, large blooms.....Plants \$.75

RITTA BETTY (ID)

This is one of the finest dahlias I received from Australia. Color, cinnamon bronze shade. Don't miss this one.....Plants \$1.00

*RITTA WELLS (ID)

Color, soft peach and light gold on cream ground. Very large blooms.....Plants \$.75
Roots 1.50

RUBY M. LOXTON (FD)

A giant formal deep pink, carried on stiff, erect stems. Very fine dahlia from Australia. Plants \$1.75 Net

SCARLET LEADER (SC)

Color, scarlet red, on long stems.....Plants \$.50

SHIRLEY TEMPLE (C)

From Australia. Very large. Color, clear pinkPlants \$.75

*SILVER LADY (ID)

Color, white, lightly flush, edged lavender. Plants \$.75

STOPLIGHT (ID)

Large cardinal red. Very good grower. Plants \$.50

SUNRAYS (ID)

Autumn shade. Long, strong stems. Have very fine stock.....Plants \$.50

THE BRIDE (ID)

Large white. Carried on long stems. Plants \$.50
Roots .75

THE GOVERNOR (FD)

Large, formal yellow. Wonderful stems. Plants \$.75
Roots 1.50

TRIUMPH OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA (ID)

Color, red-tipped white. Very fine bi-colorPlants \$.75

*VICTORY (FD)

Very fine pink formal.....Plants \$.50

WHITE TRIUMPH (C)

Very fine white cactus. On long stems. Plants \$.75

WOODLAND WONDER (ID)

Enormous flowers of bronze salmon shade
to light rose.....Plants \$.75

YELLOW COMET (SC)

1941 honor dahlia. Very fine yellow. Don't
miss this one, if you want good yellow.
Plants \$1.75

YELLOW GLORY (C)

Very large yellow blooms. This is a very
fine dahliaPlants \$1.00
Roots 2.00

OUTSTANDING MINIATURES

ANDRIES ORANJE (MC)

Bright orange flower; on long, stiff stems.
This was best cut flower in my garden last
year. Keep long when cut; have had them
in my home for a week.....Plants \$.50
Root .50

CHARDS VANITY (C)

Salmon pink with light center. Long stems.
Plants \$.50

*CASULA DAWN (C)

Nice autumn shade with long stems. Plants \$.50
Roots .50

*CASULA PEARL (C)

One of the best in my garden last season.
In great demand by the florist. Color, opal
pinkPlants \$.50
Roots .75

CASULA FLAME (C)

Flame color. Don't miss this one. Fine
show blooms and cut flower.....Plants \$.50
Roots .50

*CASULA QUEEN (C)

Very fine yellow cactus which we need. Fine
cut flowersPlants \$.50
Roots .50

FLORAL KEEPSAKE (MC)

A quality dahlia in size, form, color, stems,
vigor. Blooms well formed and sharp, pointed
petals. Color, a delicate shell pink. Nu-
merous blooms carried on long, stiff stems.
A real gem.....Plants \$.50
Roots .75

GOLDEN ORB

This was outstanding in my garden last summer. Color, autumn shade.....Plants \$.50

KENSINGTON DAWN (C) MINIATURE

A new one for 1941. This was the Grand Champion last year in Australia. Color, lemon yellow shaded and edged bronze with lavender suffusion on long, strong stems.

Plants \$.75
Roots 1.50

KENSINGTON JOY (C)

One of the best miniature I grew last year. Deep bronze shaded amber on long stems.

Plants \$.50
Roots .75

LITTLE DIAMOND (Min. SC)

Color, fresh purple rose with sulphury yellow center. Long, stiff stems, and a dandy cut flower

Plants \$.50
Roots .50

SPIRIT

Bi-colored novelty, scarlet tipped white.

Very goodPlants \$.50
Roots .50

VERA LEVESY (C)

A new cactus from Australia. Being a deep, clear pink. On best of stems.....Plants \$.50
Roots 1.00

OUTSTANDING POMPOMS

BRITTIANS DELIGHT

This is one from Australia you will like.

Cream, suffused salmon buff....Plants \$.75 Net

JOYCE GIBBS

Another fine pom. Color, lilac tipped on cream ground

Plants \$.75 Net

ILA (P)

Deep blood red.....Plants \$.50
Roots .75

MRS. J. TELFER (P)

Pure white of best exhibition type..Plants \$.50

MRS. V. BRITTAINE

A lovely pink, deeper at tips. Good for show

Plants \$.50
Roots .75

SNOW CLAD (WP)

Very good grower; fine stems.....Plants \$.35

VALDA (P)

Deep mulberry. Exhibition variety..Plants \$.50

ON JOHNSTON HONOR ROLL 1942 SPRAY YOUR DAHLIAS

This is a very important thing in growing dahlias. Spray right away as soon as you plant them and at least twice a week after they are planted, because they can be ruined in one week's time by leaf hoppers, and the results are your plants are stunts. Spray with New Evergreen or Black Leaf 40. You will be well paid for your work.

We use the New Evergreen with great results. For Red Spider we use Selo Cide. And we always spray our plants after sundown.

If we can be of any service to you call us or write us, and we will be glad to advise you.

OUR REPUTATION

Growers say that we ship our plants the best they have ever seen. Shipped in open crates. You will receive them as fresh as when they leave our greenhouse. Shipped by express. Insured.

SEEDS



Dahlia Seeds, the kind we grow, \$5.00 per 100

**Taking orders for seeds from Australia for
1942.**

Miniature types	\$3.00 per 100
Cactus types	3.00 per 100
Decorative types	5.00 per 100

These seeds are grown from finest Dahlias in Australia, and the grower, who I buy these from is the most reliable grower in that country, and I have had most wonderful results, and you can buy these with utmost confidence.

So try some for 1943.

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